Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: whether Government propose to make any specific provisions in the Rent laws for speedy disposal of cases involving house owners for vacation of their houses by tenants for self occupancy when the house owner has a single house in Delhi or in other metropolis, and he returns from abroad or from other stations in India on transfer while on Government or other salaried jobs or after his retirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): Rent Control is a State subject. However, the Central Government has under its consideration the question of amending the Delhi Rent Control Act to strike a balance between the interests of landlords and tenants.

Cities with special Regional Status

1144. SHRI ALADI ARUNA V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities in the country which have been given special regional status;

(b) what are the special aids or grants being given to them; and

(c) whether the city of Madras is likely to be given any special regional status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH). (a) The Government has not given any special regional status to any city.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Enrolment of Members in the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies

1145. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total membership of the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies by the end of the year 1985 in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that enrolment of new members is generally discouraged and no attempts have been made so far to bring grassroot people, landless labourers, village artisans etc. as members of the society; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) As on 30th June, 1985, the total membership of the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) was at 6.92 crore.

(b) and (c) No Sir. Universal membership is on of the basic principles on which cooperative societies are organised. Based on the recommendations of Committee to Review Arrangements for Institutional Credit for Agriculture & Rural Development (CRAFICARD) for extension of Membership of Cooperatives, guidelines have been issued to all the state Governments for preparing specific programmes to increase the membership of the societies. National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) has also been emphasising upon the State Governments the need, particularly, for enrolling landless labourers, village artisans and other weaker sections as members of PACS. For protecting the interests of the tribal members NABARD has advised for 40 percent representation of tribal members in the management of Large-Sixed Multi-Purpose Societies (LAMPS).

Improt of Skimmed Milk Powder

1146. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of skimmed milk powder and butter oil imported at the end of operation Flood-I, Flood-II and increase or decrease in indigenous production of